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Texas A&M builds educational ties

Texas A&M International University and the Texas A&M University System will host a conference in Laredo Sept. 11-13 to discuss building a sense of community through international-trade education partnerships.

The conference will feature presentations by academic and industry professionals on the issues now facing international education and trade.

Registration will begin Sept. 11 at 9 a.m. in the Sue and Radcliffe Kilham Library West Lobby on the A&M International campus and continue Sept. 12 at the Kilham Library from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Registration is free for students and \$100 for non-students.

Tobacco Lawyers vow not to settle

TEXARKANA, Texas (AP) — State attorneys asked a federal court today to order the release of documents in Texas' \$1.4 billion lawsuit against the nation's tobacco companies, while industry lawyers vowed to go to trial.

"The tobacco companies are either going to get the global resolution or will go to trial one at a time, starting in Texas. This case is a mainstream case that needs to go to trial," Dan Webb, the lead attorney representing the tobacco industry, said outside the courtroom.

Texas Attorney General Dan Morales agreed that a trial was imminent, and likely would last into 1998.

Assisted suicideangers family

DALLAS (AP) — Although Deborah Nickels suffered from multiple sclerosis and other medical ailments, she was not mentally competent to allow Dr. Jack Kevorkian to help her end her life, a brother said Monday.

"In our opinion, Dr. Kevorkian's assistance was irresponsible," said Robert Allen of Wichita Falls. "Debbie had a history of emotional instability which had been heightened in recent months by family problems."

The retired pathologist's attorney said Monday that Kevorkian counseled the 43-year-old Arlington woman for two months before she became his 49th assisted suicide. It was his third assisted suicide in 10 days.

Officials scrap plan for new water park

SOUTH PADRE ISLAND (AP) — So long, Schlitterbahn.

Plans to build a Schlitterbahn water park on South Padre Island were scrapped Monday after park owners learned the land they wanted to develop would be sold to another party.

Schlitterbahn operators had planned with a Harlingen developer to build on a 18.59-acre tract of beachfront property at the southern end of the island.

However, park officials learned last week that the landowners had agreed to sell the property to another, unidentified party.

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Bush School celebrates opening

After attending dedication ceremony, former President George Bush will meet with charter class

By JOE JEANETTE SCHLUETER Staff writer

The dedication of Texas A&M's George Bush School of Government and Public Services will be celebrated tonight and tomorrow at the Academic Building-West at the library complex on West Campus.

The Bush School has announced former President George Bush will receive the dedication at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday. His son Gov. George W. Bush will introduce him.

At tomorrow's dedication, the Bush School's goals of expanding the A&M public administration

program and enhancing students' leadership skills will be presented.

An academic conference on the president's use of military force in post-Cold War politics will begin this morning with presentations and discussions by professors from various universities. The theme was chosen by President Bush and will feature respected scholars of international politics.

Tonight's events will conclude with a forum featuring key speaker, Richard "Dick" Cheney, former Secretary of Defense under Bush's administration, and former U.S. Senator Paul Simon. Cheney's

presentation will begin at 7:30 p.m. in Rudder Theater and is open to the public free of charge.

After tomorrow's dedication, President Bush will meet privately with the charter class of graduate students in the Bush School.

Dr. Charles Herman, director of the Bush school, said it is an honor for the former president to come and receive the dedication.

"The 19-member charter class is outstanding," Herman said, "and they are looking forward to meeting both President Bush and Governor Bush."

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Bush School Dedication
Sept 9-10

Tuesday
10:00-11:30 Panel I: The Future Use of U.S. Armed Force: Presidential Policy
1:45-3:15 Panel II: Domestic Considerations in the President's Use of the Military
3:30-5:00 Panel III: Implications of Recent Cases
7:30-9:00 Forum: Reflections on the Use of Force

Wednesday
8:30-10:00 Panel IV: U.S. Military and Budgetary Considerations in the Future Use of Force
10:15-11:45 Panel V: Emerging World Conditions and the Future Use of Force
2:30 Former President George Bush receives dedication

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Double dutch



Antonio Ortiz, a junior electrical engineering major and president of the Aggie One-Wheelers club, rides his unicycle while jumping rope with Chris Holmes, a junior computer engineering major and vice-president of the Texas A&M Jump-rope Team.

Hearings draw to close for 16 A&M students

STAFF REPORTS

Texas A&M administrative hearings for 16 students charged in July with hazing have been completed.

The 16 students were either members of or upperclassman advisers to the Fish Drill Team, which was disbanded in August.

Five of the 16 students remained in the Corps of Cadets, and eight are enrolled at A&M but are not in the Corps. Three of the 16 are no longer at the University.

Six of the 16 students were found "not responsible" for the hazing charges.

The sanctions for the other 10 students ranged from deferred suspensions to letters of reprimand.

Texas A&M cannot reveal the names of the students involved or the sanctions handed down to them under the federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act.

The hazing charges against the 16 students arose during A&M judicial hearings

in July for nine other former Fish Drill Team advisers.

The University suspended eight of the nine former advisers and expelled one for hazing following the hearings.

The nine former advisers also were indicted by a Brazos County grand jury in May.

The students who were still enrolled at A&M participated in the hearings during August and early September.

The hearings were conducted by Kim Novak, coordinator of Student Judicial Service in the Department of Student Life, and Col. Lee McCleskey, chief of operations and training in the Commandant's office.

Novak and McCleskey also served as hearing officers in the hearings for the nine former advisers in July.

Dr. J. Malon Southerland, vice president of student affairs, said in a press release that A&M will continue to investigate any hazing charges.

Advocates demand action

Group representing prisoners appeals to Gov. Bush

AUSTIN (AP) — A group representing the interests of prisoners Monday accused the state of turning its back on inmate abuse and called on Gov. George W. Bush to appoint a prisoners' rights advocate to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice governing board.

Members of the group Texas Citizens United for the Rehabilitation of Offenders (Texas CURE) based their demands on hundreds of letters from state inmates alleging

abuse, ranging from beatings by guards to the neglect of medical needs.

They pointed to a videotape from a Brazoria County private prison that surfaced last month showing deputies shocking prisoners with stun guns, making them crawl on their bellies and allowing dogs to bite them.

"People in prison are being beaten, being killed, suffering physical and mental abuse and suffering from neglectful

medical treatment," said Lois Robison, the chair of Texas CURE who has one son on death row and another in prison.

Karen Hughes, spokesperson for Bush, said the governor's next appointment to the criminal justice board will be based on "talking with current members of the board and determining what expertise and specific talents they feel they need to do a better job of running the prison system."

December grads must submit application by Friday

By JENARA KOCKS Staff writer

December degree candidates who punched in the diploma fee code when they registered for fall classes may not graduate unless they complete a degree application by Friday.

Texas A&M students who plan to graduate in December must go to the Degree Audit Room in 105 Heaton Hall and fill out a degree application form to receive a diploma at the commencement ceremony Dec. 20.

Don Gardner, associate registrar, said of the 3,000 undergraduate degree candidates for December, probably 90 percent will fill out the application. But he said the other 10 percent is the problem.

"Graduation is an emotional thing any-

way," Gardner said. "We don't want anyone to come in at the end of the semester and say they didn't know what to do."

Gardner said students must come to Heaton Hall in person to apply for a degree. He also said every year some sophomores and juniors accidentally punch in the code for the diploma fee.

Gardner said the \$20 diploma fee will be assessed at Heaton Hall if it is not included on the student's fall tuition fee statement.

Gardner said degree application deadlines are printed in the fall class schedule book and the undergraduate catalog. He said the registrar also broadcasts public service announcements on the radio.

Gardner said despite efforts to inform degree candidates, some students will come into Heaton Hall after the final grade sheets

for graduating students are released and ask why their names are not on the list.

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Gardner said one of the reasons A&M has an early deadline to fill out the degree application is to ensure that diplomas will arrive before graduation.

He said after students fill out the application, the registrar runs a preliminary degree audit on the student. This audit, which the degree candidate will receive in mid-October, will tell the student if there are any missing courses required for their degree.

If the student is not missing any requirements, he or she will graduate pending final grades for the fall semester.

Gardner said the degree audit process must be completed before diplomas can be ordered. Diplomas take eight to ten weeks to be shipped to the registrar's office.

"A&M is one of only a handful of universities that give diplomas at graduation," he said.

He said some other universities, such as the University of Texas, mail diplomas to graduates after the commencement ceremony.

Nightclub to appeal to keep license

Hurricane Harry's remains open pending outcome of appeal of TABC's decision

By ROBERT SMITH Staff writer

An attorney representing Hurricane Harry's, a College Station nightclub, said an appeal will be filed this week over the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission's (TABC) decision to remove the club's liquor license.

Jay Goss, a Bryan attorney representing Harry's, said the club has until Sept. 14 to file an appeal. If the appeal is granted, it will be taken to a district court in Bryan within 10 days.

The bar remains open pending a de-

cision on the appeal. In August, a TABC official denied a request for a hearing over the cancellation of the license.

Administrative Law Judge Cathleen Parsley recommended after a three-day hearing in February 1997 that Harry's have its permit suspended for 15 days or pay a \$15,000 fine.

Randy Yarbrough, assistant administrator of TABC, overturned Parsley's ruling and removed the club's license.

Yarbrough did not return phone calls made to his office Monday afternoon.

A TABC investigation, which began in

November 1995, looked into whether bartenders at the club sold alcohol to an intoxicated Doug Sparks, 27.

After leaving Hurricane Harry's, Sparks wrecked his car and Joseph Cotton, 24 of New Baden, was killed.

Sparks was sentenced to six years in prison for intoxicated manslaughter.

Goss said Parsley's ruling should not have been discounted.

"Our bartenders could not tell that he was intoxicated," Goss said. "He slammed 2 or three drinks right before he left and then went out to his car and had another beer."

Silver Taps to honor students

The Silver Taps ceremony will be conducted tonight at 10:30 in front of the Academic Building in honor of the following students:

- Anand Swaroop Appala
- Ajamu Abdulla Ross
- Bridget Alicia Bancroft
- Jeremy Daniel Eiben
- Joshua Paul Baker
- Kevin Patrick Morgan
- Don Gordon Czeschin Jr.
- Devi Jean Spencer
- Valerie Lopez
- Tiffany Lynn Hunnicutt
- Amnaj "Ott" Phonephrachan
- Billie Chanda Merryman
- Junji Sekiguchi

These students also will be remembered at the Muster Ceremony April 21, 1998.